



## GAME NOTES

2014 AFC Championship Game

New England Patriots vs. Indianapolis Colts– January 18, 2015

### TEAM NOTES

#### **PATRIOTS ADVANCE TO EIGHTH SUPER BOWL OVERALL; SEVENTH OF THE KRAFT ERA**

New England has advanced to its eighth Super Bowl in franchise history, a total that is tied with Dallas and Pittsburgh for the most Super Bowl berths. The Patriots' appearance in Super Bowl XLIX will be its seventh Super Bowl appearance since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994, a total that is the most in the league over that span (Pittsburgh, 4). Kraft is the first owner in NFL history to have his team in seven Super Bowls.

#### **ALL-TIME SUPER BOWL BERTHS**

##### **8 New England**

- 8 Dallas
- 8 Pittsburgh
- 7 Denver
- 6 San Francisco
- 5 Green Bay Packers
- 5 New York Giants
- 5 Washington Redskins
- 5 Oakland Raiders
- 5 Miami Dolphins

#### **PATRIOTS IN THE SUPER BOWL (3-4)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>W/L</b>	<b>Score</b>
02/05/12	XLVI	New York Giants	L	17-21-
02/03/08	XLII	New York Giants	L	14-17
02/06/05	XXXIX	Philadelphia	W	24-21
02/01/04	XXXVIII	Carolina	W	32-29
02/03/02	XXXVI	St. Louis	W	20-17
01/26/97	XXXI	Green Bay	L	21-35
01/26/86	XX	Chicago	L	10-46

### **PATRIOTS SET NFL RECORD WITH SIXTH SUPER BOWL TRIP IN 15-SEASONS**

The Patriots have advanced to the Super Bowl for the sixth time since 2001, setting a league record for most Super Bowl berths in any 15-season span. The Patriots are the only team to achieve the feat in the salary cap era (since 1993). Four teams have been to five Super Bowls in a 15-season span. All of those teams achieved the feat prior to the imposition of the salary cap and the modern NFL free agency system in 1993. The teams with the most Super Bowl appearances in a 15-season span are listed below.

### **MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES IN ANY 15-SEASON SPAN**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Super Bowl Berths</b>	<b>Seasons</b>
<b>New England Patriots</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2000-2014</b>
Dallas Cowboys	5	1970-1984
Denver Broncos	5	1986-2000
Miami Dolphins	5	1971-1985
San Francisco	5	1981-1995

### **KRAFT'S SEVEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE MOST OF ANY NFL OWNER IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

The 2014 AFC Championship is the seventh conference championship for Robert Kraft as Patriots owner, more than any other owner in NFL history in the Super Bowl Era (since 1966).

### **MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY AN OWNER IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Super Bowl Appearances</b>
<b>Robert Kraft</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>7</b>
Pat Bowlen	Denver	6
Jack Kent Cooke	Washington	5
Al Davis	Oakland/L.A. Raiders	5
Eddie DeBartolo	San Francisco	5
Clint Murchison	Dallas	5
Packers Stockholders	Green Bay	5
Joe Robbie	Miami	5

### **ROBERT KRAFT EARNS HIS 23rd POSTSEASON WIN**

Robert Kraft has 23 career postseason wins and out of a tie with Eddie DeBartolo., Jr for sole possession of fourth place for most wins by an ownership group in NFL history.

### **WINS OWNERSHIP**

33	The Rooney Family, Pittsburgh (1933-present)
31	Green Bay Packers, Inc., Green Bay (1919-present)
24	The Mara Family, New York Giants (1925-present)
<b>23</b>	<b>Robert Kraft, New England (1994-present)</b>
22	Eddie DeBartolo, Jr., San Francisco (1977-1999)
21	Al Davis, Oakland/Los Angeles (1972-2011)
20	Clint Murchison, Jr., Dallas (1960-1984)

### **PATRIOTS IMPROVE TO 8-3 IN AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

The Patriots are 8-3 in AFC Championship Games, including a 4-1 record at home and a 3-1 record at Gillette Stadium.

#### **PATRIOTS AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULTS (8-3)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>W/L</b>	<b>Score</b>
01/12/86	AFC Championship	at Miami	W	31-14
01/12/97	AFC Championship	Jacksonville	W	20-6
01/27/02	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	24-17
01/18/04	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	24-14
01/23/05	AFC Championship	at Pittsburgh	W	41-27
01/21/07	AFC Championship	at Indianapolis	L	34-38
01/20/08	AFC Championship	San Diego	W	21-12
01/22/12	AFC Championship	Baltimore	W	23-20
01/20/13	AFC Championship	Baltimore	L	13-28
01/19/14	AFC Championship	at Denver	L	16-26
01/18/15	AFC Championship	Indianapolis	W	45-7

#### **MOST APPEARANCES IN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Pittsburgh	15
San Francisco	15
Dallas	14
<b>New England</b>	<b>11</b>
Oakland	11
St. Louis Rams	9
Denver	9

#### **PATRIOTS ALL-TIME IN PLAYOFF GAMES**

The Patriots have compiled a 27-18 record in their 45 playoff games and their .600 playoff winning percentage is tied for third in NFL history among teams that have played at least 15 playoff games.

#### **ALL-TIME BEST NFL PLAYOFF RECORDS (Min. 15 Games)**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
Baltimore Ravens.....	15.....	8.....	.652
Green Bay Packers.....	31.....	20.....	.608
<b>Patriots .....</b>	<b>27 ..</b>	<b>18.....</b>	<b>.600</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers.....	33.....	22.....	.600
San Francisco 49ers .....	30.....	20.....	.600
Oakland/L.A. Raiders.....	25.....	18.....	.581
Dallas Cowboys.....	34.....	26.....	.567

## **PATRIOTS HAVE SECOND-BEST POSTSEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE AT HOME**

The Patriots have a 17-4 (.810) all-time record in home playoff games. The Patriots' .810 winning percentage at home in the postseason ranks second among teams with at least 10 home playoff games.

### **HIGHEST POSTSEASON HOME WINNING PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 GAMES)**

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Winning Percentage</u></b>
Seattle	11-2	.846
<b>New England</b>	<b>17-4</b>	<b>.810</b>
Oakland	19-5	.792
Green Bay	17-5	.773
Buffalo	10-3	.769
Washington	13-4	.765
Denver	15-5	.750

## **PATRIOTS TIE POSTSEASON HIGH WITH 45 POINTS; SET RECORD FOR TEAM PLAYOFF VICTORY MARGIN**

The Patriots' 45 points tied the franchise record for most points in a playoff game, equaling their total against Denver in the 2011 Divisional Playoffs (1/14/12). The Patriots' 38-point margin of victory is the largest in franchise history for a playoff game, topping the 35-point margin of victory (45-10) over Denver in the 2011 Divisional Playoffs (1/14/12). New England's 45 points are its second highest total of the 2014 season (including regular season and playoffs), trailing only the 51 points that New England scored against Chicago on Oct. 26, 2014. The game marked the sixth time in 18 games in the 2014 season that the Patriots have topped 40 points.

## **PATRIOTS TOTAL 177 RUSH YARDS**

The Patriots had 177 rushing yards against Indianapolis, marking the fifth time in the team's 45 playoff games that they broke the 175-yard mark on the ground. Three of the franchise's five 175-yard days have come against the Colts.

## **PATRIOTS SOLID ON THIRD DOWN AGAINST COLTS**

The Patriots converted 12-of-18 third-down opportunities against the Colts, with their 66.7% third down conversion rate standing as the second-best in the team's 45-game playoff history, trailing only the franchise-record 68.8% conversion rate against the New York Jets on Jan. 7, 2007 (11-of-16).

## **THE PATRIOTS DEFENSE DOES WELL AGAINST INDIANAPOLIS**

Including a pair of interceptions in the AFC Championship Game, the Patriots defense has 10 interceptions in four meetings against Andrew Luck. In the last four games against Indianapolis, including two playoff games, the Patriots have outscored the Colts 189-73 with a 59-24 win on Nov. 18, 2012, a 43-22 win on Jan. 11, 2014, a 42-20 win on Nov. 16, 2014, and a 45-7 win on Jan. 18, 2015.

## **PATRIOTS HAVE SUCCESS ON THE GROUND AGAINST INDY**

The Patriots victory marked the third consecutive game that the Patriots have topped 175 rushing yards as a team against the Colts. New England finished the AFC Championship victory with 177 rushing yards on 40 carries (with three rushing touchdowns). LeGarrette Blount led the way with 148 yards on 30 carries and scored all three of New England's rushing touchdowns. In the 2014 regular season on Nov. 16, 2014, New England had 246 yards rushing against the Colts, with Jonas Gray leading the charge with 201 yards and four rushing touchdowns. In the 2013 Divisional Playoffs on Jan. 11, 2014, the Patriots had 234 rushing yards, with LeGarrette Blount leading the charge with a franchise-record 166 yards and four rushing touchdowns

## **HALFTIME HELP**

During the 2014 regular season, the Patriots scored in 10 of the 16 games in the final two minutes of the first half with 66 points. Against Indianapolis, the Patriots scored on a 21-yard field goal with 10 seconds to play.

# **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

## **BELICHICK HAS MOST POSTSEASON WINS**

With the victory over Indianapolis, Bill Belichick collected his 21st career playoff win, the most postseason wins by a head coach.

### **Most Playoff Wins By an NFL Head Coach**

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Team (s)</b>	<b>Wins</b>
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>Cleveland/New England</b>	<b>21</b>
Tom Landry	Dallas Cowboys	20
Don Shula	Baltimore Colts/Miami	19
Joe Gibbs	Washington	17
Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	16

## **BELICHICK EARNS SIXTH CONFERENCE TITLE;**

## **TIES DON SHULA FOR MOST CONFERENCE TITLES IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

The 2014 AFC Championship was Bill Belichick's sixth conference championship as a head coach. Belichick's six conference titles are tied with Don Shula for the most in NFL history during the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

### **MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY A HEAD COACH IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Seasons</b>	<b>Super Bowl Appearances</b>
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2014</b>	<b>XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLII, XLVI, XLIX</b>
Don Shula	Balt. Colts/Miami	6	1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1982, 1984	III, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX
Tom Landry	Dallas	5	1970, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1978	V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Joe Gibbs	Washington	4	1982, 1983, 1987, 1991	XVII, XVIII, XXII, XXVI
Bud Grant	Minnesota	4	1969, 1973, 1974, 1976	IV, VII, IX, XI
Marv Levy	Buffalo	4	1990, 1991, 1992, 1993	XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII
Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	4	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979	IX, X, XIII, XIV
Dan Reeves	Denver/Atlanta	4	1986, 1987, 1989, 1998	XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXIII

### **BEST POSTSEASON RECORD IN NFL HISTORY (Min 10 games)**

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team (s)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>
Vince Lombardi	GB/WAS	9	1	.900
Tom Flores	Oakland	8	3	.727
Bill Walsh	SF	10	4	.714
Joe Gibbs	WAS	17	7	.708
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE/NE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.700</b>
Jimmy Johnson	DAL/MIA	9	4	.692

### **MOST POSTSEASON GAMES AS A HEAD COACH**

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>GAMES</b>
Tom Landry (Dallas)	36
Don Shula (Baltimore/Miami)	36
<b>Bill Belichick (Cleveland/New England)</b>	<b>30</b>
Chuck Noll (Pittsburgh)	24
Mike Holmgren (Green Bay/Seattle)	24
Joe Gibbs (Washington)	24

### **BELICHICK REACHES NINTH SUPER BOWL OVERALL**

Belichick secured his ninth Super Bowl during his coaching career, the most among any head coach or assistant coach in NFL history.

### **MOST SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES AS A HEAD COACH OR ASSISTANT**

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Super Bowls</b>
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>9 (six as a head coach)</b>
Dan Reeves	7 (four as a head coach)
Don Shula	6 (six as a head coach)
Tom Landry	5 (five as a head coach)
Chuck Knoll	5 (four as a head coach)
Marv Levy	5 (four as a head coach)

### **SUPER SUCCESS**

Bill Belichick is one of just four head coaches to win three Super Bowl championships. Belichick is the only coach to win three Super Bowls in the post-1993 salary cap era. He will attempt to tie Chuck Noll with his fourth Super Bowl title.

### **MOST SUPER BOWL VICTORIES**

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Seasons</b>
Chuck Noll	PIT	4	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2001, 2003, 2004</b>
Joe Gibbs	WAS	3	1982, 1987, 1991
Bill Walsh	SF	3	1981, 1984, 1988

**NOTE:** Sorted by most recent championship. Super Bowls have determined NFL champion since 1966.

## **SUPER COMBINATION**

New England head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady won their sixth conference championship together in 2014.

### **MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY A HEAD COACH-QUARTERBACK TANDEM**

<b>Quarterback</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Conf. Titles</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2014</b>
Roger Staubach	Tom Landry	Dallas	4	1971, 1975, 1977, 1978
Jim Kelly	Marv Levy	Buffalo	4	1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
Terry Bradshaw	Chuck Noll	Pittsburgh	4	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979

## **WINNINGEST COACH AND QB TANDEM IN THE POSTSEASON**

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are the winningest coach and quarterback tandem in the postseason.

### **Quarterback/Head Coach                      Postseason wins**

<b>Bill Belichick/Tom Brady</b>	<b>20</b>
Chuck Noll/Terry Bradshaw	14
Tom Landry/Roger Staubach	11

## **BRADY'S SIX CONFERENCE TITLES ARE THE MOST OF ANY QB IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

The 2014 AFC Championship was Tom Brady's sixth conference title as a starting quarterback, passing John Elway (5) for the most conference titles in NFL history during the Super Bowl Era (since 1966).

### **MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AS A STARTING QUARTERBACK IN SUPER BOWL ERA**

<b>Starting QB</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b># Seasons</b>	<b>Super Bowl Appearances</b>	
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2014</b>	<b>XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLII, XLVI, XLIX</b>
John Elway	Denver	5	1986, 1987, 1989, 1997, 1998	XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXXII, XXXIII
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	4	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979	IX, X, XIII, XIV
Jim Kelly	Buffalo	4	1990, 1991, 1992, 1993	XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII
Joe Montana	San Francisco	4	1981, 1984, 1988, 1989	XVI, XIX, XXIII, XXIV
Roger Staubach	Dallas	4	1971, 1975, 1977, 1978	VI, X, XII, XIII
Peyton Manning	Ind./Den.	3	2006, 2009, 2013	XLI, XLIV, XLVIII
Troy Aikman	Dallas	3	1992, 1993, 1995	XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXX
Bob Griese	Miami	3	1971, 1972, 1973	VI, VII, VIII
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	3	2005, 2008, 2010	XL, XLIII, XLV
Fran Tarkenton	Minnesota	3	1973, 1974, 1976	VII, IX, XI
Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	3	1999, 2001, 2008	XXXIV, XXXVI, XLIII

## **BRADY SET AN NFL RECORD WITH HIS 9<sup>TH</sup> START IN A CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Tom Brady made his ninth start in a Conference Championship game in 2014, the most starts in a Conference Championship game NFL history. S Charlie Waters (Dallas) and LB Jack Reynolds (LA Rams/SF) are second with eight starts.

## **BRADY ADDS TO NFL RECORD; FINISHES WITH 49 CAREER PLAYOFF TD PASSES**

Tom Brady had three touchdown passes against the Colts, finishing the game with 49 career touchdown passes in the playoffs, and adding to his NFL record. In the 2014 Divisional Playoff Game against Baltimore in 2014, Brady passed Joe Montana's total of 45 to set a new NFL record.

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Touchdowns</b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>49</b>
2. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	45
3. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	44
4. Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	38
5. Dan Marino	Miami	32
6. Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	31
7. Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	30

## **BRADY RECLAIMS LEAD IN ALL-TIME POSTSEASON PASSING YARDS**

Tom Brady improved upon his standing on the NFL's all-time postseason passing lists. Brady entered the game needing 10 yards to move past Peyton Manning for the most postseason passing yards, and finished the game with 7,017 playoff passing yards, setting a new NFL record and becoming the first player in NFL history to eclipse the 7,000-yard mark in the playoffs. Following the Colts game, Brady was the all-time NFL leader in completions, yards, playoff victories as a starting quarterback, and postseason starts at quarterback.

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON PASSING YARDS**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Passing Yards</b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>7,017</b>
2. Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	6,800
3. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	5,855
4. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	5,772
5. John Elway	Denver	4,964
6. Dan Marino	Miami	4,510

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/POSTSEASON COMPLETIONS**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Completions</b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>646</b>
2. Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	598
3. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	481
4. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	460

### **NFL ALL-TIME MOST PLAYOFF VICTORIES AS A STARTING QUARTERBACK**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Playoff Wins</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>20</b>
Joe Montana	San Francisco/Kansas City	16
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	14
John Elway	Denver	14
Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minnesota	13
Troy Aikman	Dallas	11
Roger Staubach	Dallas	11
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	11

### **MOST POSTSEASON STARTS BY A QUARTERBACK**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Starts</b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>28</b>
2. Brett Favre	Green Bay/Minn.	24
2. Peyton Manning	Indianapolis/Denver	24
4. Joe Montana	San Fran./Kansas City	23
5. John Elway	Denver	21



### **BRADY PLAYS IN 28th POSTSEASON GAME, THIRD-MOST ALL-TIME**

Brady played in his 28th NFL postseason game, the third-most all-time. He will tie Jerry Rice for the second most postseason games with 29 in the Super Bowl.

### **NFL PLAYERS WITH THE MOST POSTSEASON GAMES PLAYED**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Teams</u></b>	<b><u>Postseason Games</u></b>
Adam Vinatieri	NE/IND	30
Jerry Rice	SF/OAK/SEA	29
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>28</b>
D.D. Lewis	Dallas	27

### **TOM BRADY THROWS THREE TDs IN A POSTSEASON GAME FOR 7th TIME**

Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes against Indianapolis. It was his seventh career postseason game with three or more touchdowns and the second time in the 2014 postseason that he has thrown three touchdown passes in a game. Only Joe Montana has more playoff games with three touchdown passes since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger (9). Brady is 7-0 in the playoffs when throwing three or more scoring passes.

### **Most 3 Pass TD Playoff Games - Since AFL-NFL Merger**

Joe Montana	9
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>7</b>
Peyton Manning	6
Brett Favre	6

### **BRADY TIES BRETT FAVRE WITH 15<sup>TH</sup> MULTI-TD GAME IN THE POSTSEASON**

Brady threw three touchdown passes in the win vs. Indianapolis and tied Brett Favre with 15 multi-TD passes in the playoffs.

### **MOST MULTI-TD PASSING GAMES IN THE PLAYOFFS – NFL HISTORY**

<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>15</b>
Brett Favre	15
Joe Montana	14
Terry Bradshaw	10
Dan Marino	10

### **BRADY IN THE SUPER BOWL**

### **BRADY IS THE ALL-TIME LEADING PASSER IN SUPER BOWL HISTORY**

Tom Brady threw for 276 yards in Super Bowl XLVI to become the all-time leading passer in Super Bowl history with 1,277 yards.

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/SUPER BOWL PASSING YARDS**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Team(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Yards</u></b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>1,277</b>
2. Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	1,156
3. Joe Montana	San Francisco	1,142
4. John Elway	Denver	1,128

## **BRADY IS THE ALL-TIME LEADER IN PASS COMPLETIONS IN SUPER BOWL HISTORY**

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/SUPER BOWL COMPLETIONS**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Completions</b>
<b>1. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>127</b>
2. Joe Montana	San Francisco	83
Kurt Warner	St. Louis/Arizona	83
4. Jim Kelly	Buffalo	81

### **BRADY IS TIED FOR SECOND WITH NINE SUPER BOWL TD PASSES**

Brady threw two touchdown passes in Super Bowl XLVI to increase his Super Bowl total to nine. Brady is tied for second with Terry Bradshaw and behind Joe Montana's 11 Super Bowl touchdown passes.

### **NFL ALL-TIME LEADERS/SUPER BOWL TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team(s)</b>	<b>Touchdowns</b>
1. Joe Montana	San Francisco	11
<b>2. Tom Brady</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>9</b>
3. Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	9
4. Roger Staubach	Dallas	8

### **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI MOVES UP ALL-TIME POSTSEASON SCORING LIST**

Stephen Gostkowski had 6 extra points and a field goal against Indianapolis, moving up the NFL's all-time playoff scoring list. Gostkowski finished the game with 113 postseason points, and is one of just two Patriots players to score 100 playoff points, along with Adam Vinatieri (117). Gostkowski and Vinatieri are the only active players with 100 or more points in the playoffs. Gostkowski is the 11th player in NFL history to have 100 or more playoff points and is the seventh kicker to achieve the feat.

#### **Patriots with 100 or More Points in the Postseason**

Adam Vinatieri (117 points – 26 FGs, 39 PATs)

Stephen Gostkowski (113 – 20 FGs, 53 PATs)

#### **Most Kicking Points in the Postseason**

1. Adam Vinatieri	234
2. David Akers	175
3. Gary Anderson	153
4. George Blanda	115
<b>5. Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>113</b>
6. Matt Stover	106
7. Matt Bahr	103

#### **Most Points in the Postseason**

1. Adam Vinatieri	234
2. David Akers	175
3. Gary Anderson	153
4. Jerry Rice	132
5. Emmitt Smith	126
5. Thurman Thomas	126
7. George Blanda	115
<b>8. Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>113</b>
9. Matt Stover	106
10. Matt Bahr	103

## **GOSTKOWSKI BECOMES 11<sup>TH</sup> NFL PLAYER WITH AT LEAST 20 POSTSEASON FIELD GOALS**

Gostkowski (20) became the 11<sup>th</sup> NFL player to reach at least 20 postseason field goals with a 21-yard field goal in the second quarter.

### **MOST POSTSEASON FIELD GOALS / NFL HISTORY**

Adam Vinatieri	55
David Akers	39
Gary Anderson	32
Matt Stover	25
John Kasay	23
George Blanda	22
Steve Christie	22
Matt Bahr	21
<b>Stephen Gostkowski</b>	<b>20</b>
Toni Fritsch	20
Norm Johnson	20

## **VINCE WILFORK PLAYS IN HIS 20<sup>TH</sup> POSTSEASON GAME TIED FOR THIRD-MOST POSTSEASON GAMES PLAYED IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

Vince Wilfork played in his 20<sup>th</sup> NFL postseason game with the Patriots. He is tied for the third-most playoff games in Patriots history.

### **MOST PLAYOFF GAMES PLAYED IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

28 Tom Brady
22 Tedy Bruschi
<b>20 Vince Wilfork</b>
20 Troy Brown
20 Matt Light

## **BLOUNT HAS SECOND 100-YARD RUSHING GAME IN POSTSEASON; HAS SECOND-HIGHEST RUSH YARD TOTAL IN TEAM PLAYOFF HISTORY**

Blount had his second career postseason 100-yard rushing game, finishing with 148 yards on 30 carries, with three touchdowns. Blount's 148 rushing yards are the second highest total in team history, trailing only the 166 rushing yards that Blount had in the 2013 playoff game against Indianapolis on Jan. 11, 2014, a total that tied the 166 rushing yards amassed by Curtis Martin against Pittsburgh on Jan. 5, 1997.

## **BLOUNT SCORES THREE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS; BECOMES PATRIOTS ALL-TIME POSTSEASON RUSHING TD LEADER**

RB LeGarrette Blount scored on a 1-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter for his fifth NFL postseason rushing touchdown as a member of the Patriots, on a 13-yard run in the third quarter and 2-yard run in the fourth quarter. His seven career postseason rushing touchdowns are a franchise record. Tom Brady and Curtis Martin are tied for second with five rushing touchdowns. All seven of Blount's postseason touchdowns are against the Colts. He had four rushing touchdowns in the 2013 Divisional Playoff win and had three rushing scores in the 2014 AFC Championship Game.

### **BLOUNT TIES FOR TEAM POSTSEASON LEAD WITH 7 CAREER TDS**

Blount has seven career overall touchdowns in the postseason to tie David Givens (7 rec. TDs) for the most postseason touchdowns in team history.

### **REVIS HAS FIRST PLAYOFF INTERCEPTION AS A PATRIOT**

Darrelle Revis intercepted an Andrew Luck pass in the third quarter and returned it 30 yards to the Indianapolis 13-yard line, setting up LeGarrette Blount's 13-yard scoring run on the next play that gave the Patriots a 38-7 lead. The interception was the third of Revis's playoff career, and the first of his Patriots playoff career. Revis had a pair of interceptions for the New York Jets in the 2009 playoffs.

### **COLLINS HAS SECOND CAREER PLAYOFF PICK**

Jamie Collins intercepted an Andrew Luck pass in the fourth quarter. The interception was the second of Collins's playoff career. He also picked off Luck in the 2013 Divisional Playoff game at Gillette Stadium (1/11/14).

### **PATRIOTS SET UP GAME'S FIRST SCORE WITH SPECIAL TEAMS TAKEAWAY**

Darius Fleming recovered a muffed fumble by Indianapolis's Josh Cribbs at the Colts' 26-yard line in the first quarter, setting up a 6-play, 26-yard Patriots touchdown drive that ended in LeGarrette Blount's 1-yard touchdown run that gave the Patriots a 7-0 lead.

### **SOLDER SCORES HIS FIRST NFL TD ON HIS FIRST CAREER PASS RECEPTION**

Nate Solder, who entered college at Colorado as a tight end, scored his first NFL touchdown on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady in the third quarter. He is the first offensive lineman to score a touchdown for the Patriots since Logan Mankins recovered a fumble in the end zone at Indianapolis in the 2006 AFC Championship Game on Jan. 21, 2007. Solder is the first offensive lineman to score a receiving touchdown since Tom Ashworth caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady vs. Tampa Bay on Dec. 17, 2005. Solder is the third offensive lineman in Patriots history to catch a touchdown pass, joining Tom Ashworth (12/17/05) and Pete Brock (11/21/76). He is the sixth Patriots offensive lineman to score a touchdown, joining Mankins, Ashworth, Brock, Freddie Childress and John Hannah.

### **JAMES DEVELIN SCORES FIRST NFL POSTSEASON TD;**

### **SCORES 2nd TOUCHDOWN OVERALL AND 1st RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN**

FB James Develin scored his second NFL touchdown and his first ever postseason touchdown on a 1-yard pass from QB Tom Brady in the first quarter. He scored his first NFL touchdown on a 1-yard touchdown run at Houston at Houston on Dec. 1, 2013.

### **SOLDER AND DEVELIN EACH HAVE FIRST CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION**

OL Nate Solder and FB James Develin each caught touchdown passes from Tom Brady tonight. For each player, it was their first career NFL touchdown reception (regular season or playoffs).

# LINEUP NOTES

## **JOSH KLINE GETS FIRST POSTSEASON START**

Josh Kline made his first NFL postseason start when he started at right guard when Ryan Wendell moved from guard to center to replace Bryan Stork, who was out with an injury.

## **THREE PATRIOTS PLAYED IN THEIR FIRST POSTSEASON GAME**

Cameron Fleming, Jimmy Garoppolo and Jonas Gray saw action in their first postseason game.

## **JOE VELLANO PLAYED IN HIS FIRST GAME SINCE OCTOBER**

Joe Vellano played in the first five games of the season before being released and signed to the practice squad. He was re-signed to the 53-man roster the day before the AFC Championship Game and saw action along the defensive line.



## **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – 2014 AFC CHAMPIONS**

### **PATRIOTS NOTES AND MILESTONES**

The Patriots won their eighth conference title, tying Pittsburgh and Dallas for the most conference championships in NFL history.

The Patriots have reached their seventh Super Bowl under the ownership of Robert Kraft, setting a new NFL record for most conference championships as an owner (Pat Bowlen, DEN, 6).

The Patriots' seven conference titles since Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994 is three more than the next-closest team over that span (Pittsburgh, 4).

New England improved to 17-4 all-time in home playoff games, and New England's home playoff winning percentage of 80.1 percent ranks second all-time (SEA, 11-2, .846).

Bill Belichick won his 21st playoff game as a head coach, passing Dallas's Tom Landry (20) to set the NFL record for most playoff wins by a head coach.

Belichick won his sixth conference title as a head coach, tying Miami's Don Shula for the most by any coach in NFL history.

Tom Brady won his sixth conference championship, passing John Elway (5) for the most conference titles by a starting quarterback.

Brady will advance to his sixth Super Bowl, and will tie DT Mike Lodish for the most Super Bowl appearances by a player. Brady is slated to set a record for any player with his sixth Super Bowl start.

Brady and Belichick won their sixth conference title together, adding to an NFL record. Staubach/Landry (DAL), Kelly/Levy (BUF), and Noll/Bradshaw (PIT) each have four conference titles.

Brady won his 20th career playoff game as a starting quarterback, adding to his NFL record (Joe Montana, 16).

The Patriots have won 8 conference titles in the last 30 years (1985-2014), the most in the NFL over that span (DEN, 6). New England also leads the NFL with 7 conference titles in the last 20 years (PIT, 4) and 6 conference titles in the last 15 years (NYG, PIT, SEA, 3). The Patriots and Seahawks are tied for the most conference titles in the last 10 years (3 each) and are also tied for the most conference titles in the last 5 years (2 each).